THE CHARGES AGAINST MR TOM MANN.

COUNSEL'S OPENING STATEMENT.

BAIL REFUSED.

MR TOM MANN appeared yesterday before the Salford Stipendiary Magistrate and a number of local Justices on a warrant charging him with incitement to mutiny. For a considerable time before the proceedings commenced the Session Hall at Salford Town Hall—in which, for the sake of its greater convenience as compared with the ordinary Police Court, the case was heard—was crowded by a large number of Press representatives and the general public. Many friends of the defendant—who is, of course, well known both in Manchester and Liverpool—were present. Captain Tupper, who was recently prominent in connection with a speech he delivered to coal miners on strike at Cardiff; Mr H. H. Lawrie, who presided over Mann's meeting at Pendleton; Councillors W. Phillips and A. A. Purcell, two local Labour leaders; and Mr Sam. Brierley, who acts as Mann's private secretary, were among those present. The Stipendiary is Mr A. Spencer Hogg, and with him on the bench were the Mayor of Salford and several other Justices of the Peace. Outside the Court a large number of working men gathered, but as Mann had spent the night in the building and did not pass through the streets there was no opportunity, even if there had been any intention, to create a demonstration.

For the prosecution, Mr Gordon Hewart, barrister, appeared, and the defendant was represented by Mr W. H. B. Quilliam, solicitor, Liverpool. The Chief-Constable of Salford, by whose desire, according to the Attorney-General, the prisoner was arrested, watched the proceedings.

THE CHARGE.

The text of the charge is as follows:—"That he, Tom Mann, of 25 Engadine Street, Southfields, London, S.W., did at the county borough of Salford, on the 14th day of March 1912, feloniously, maliciously, and advisedly endeavour to seduce such persons serving in His Majesty's forces by land as should read or hear read a certain article entitled 'An Open Letter to British Soldiers' in a certain publication called *The Syndicalist* from their duty and allegiance to His Majesty, and did incite such persons to commit traitorous and mutinous practices, contrary to the Incitement to Mutiny Act, 1797."

As he entered the dock in response to a stentorian call from an officer of the Court, Mann bowed gravely to the Magistrate, and took up a characteristic attitude, with his head erect and shoulders squared, the hands gripping the dock rail in front of him. In the pause which ensued under the prosecuting counsel, who was out of Court for the moment, was communicated with, he faced half a dozen photographers' cameras in the jury box.

PROSECUTING COUNSEL'S ADDRESS.

Mr Hewart immediately opened the case. He began:—In this case I appear for the Director of Public Prosecutions, who, by reason of the gravity and the public mischief of the offences alleged against the prisoner, has found it to be his duty to act in these proceedings. There is at present one charge against the prisoner, but there will be two others. Two of the charges will be charges of felony—their gravity is perhaps indicated by that fact—and the other a common law misdemeanour. The felony charges are brought under Section 1 of the Incitement to Mutiny Act of 1797.

As counsel addressed the Court, Mann drew from his pocket a pair of spectacles, and adjusted them, and proceeded to take pencil notes on a pad of paper carried in his hand.

Mr Ewart quoted the section, which begins:—"Whereas divers wicked and ill-disposed persons, by the publication of malicious writings and by public speeches, have of late industriously endeavoured to seduce persons serving in His Majesty's forces to mutiny, to disobey their officers, and to violate their oath of allegiance to His Majesty." The gist of the offence, he added, was contained in the words of the charge. As to the nature of that "duty and allegiance" there could now be no doubt or question, and it seemed hardly necessary to cite legal authority for the purpose of defining it.

DUTIES AND POSITION OF THE SOLDIER.

"A soldier," he continued, "as is well known, has a twofold capacity. He is none the less a citizen because he is a soldier, and he owes duties to the State not less in one capacity than in the other. He is bound, as Lord Mansfield said, to all the duties of other citizens, and is as much bound to prevent a felony or breach of the peace as any other citizen. More than that, if it be necessary for the prevention of mischief or for the execution of the law, it is not only the right but the duty of soldiers to exert themselves to prevent the commission of crime or mischief. Again, in the well-known words of Lord Justice Tindal, 'Where danger is pressing or immediate the military subjects of the King, like the civil subjects, not only may, but must, do their utmost to put down tumult or riot, and preserve the lives and properties of His Majesty's subjects. As citizens, they are bound by special obligations and duties. As soldiers, they commit an actual offence if they fail or refuse to come to the aid of the civil power if they are required. Every person subject to military law is guilty of an offence under the Army Act if in wilful disobedience to authority he disobeys the command of a superior officer, even if that command be to fire. Particular circumstances and particular emergencies may seem to make the duty more conspicuous, as they make any failure in it more obviously detrimental to the public safety and the public welfare. Hence it is that the Legislature has by statute made it a crime and a felony to seduce, or endeavour to seduce, soldiers from their allegiance. The law does not depend on statute alone. Within the ambit of the common law of England, that which is unlawful and manifestly against the public good is prohibited and made punishable as a misdemeanour.'

INCITEMENT TO DISOBEDIENCE.

"That being the state of the law, what is it that is alleged against the prisoner? It is alleged against him that both by his share—admittedly a primary share—in the original publication, and by particular cases of subsequent publication, he has addressed in writing to persons serving in His Majesty's forces a clear and calculated incitement to disobedience to lawful commands. It is for these acts of publication, whether original or subsequent, that he is prosecuted here to-day. His speeches on the matter have this bearing, and this alone, that in them the prisoner plainly avows his responsibility for the publication, and leave no shadow of doubt as to his intentions. The incitement was conveyed in a certain article entitled 'An Open Letter to Soldiers,' in a periodical known as *The Syndicalist*, which amounts to an appeal to those soldiers to disobey the commands of their officers when in certain public emergencies they are called upon to discharge their duty. I will read not the whole, but a portion of that document. Perhaps, however, it would be more in consonance with the ends of justice if I hand it up to the Bench without reading it."

Counsel accordingly handed up a copy of the issue of January 1912, and on the Magistrate asking for a second copy Mr Quilliam produced another. A third was then placed in Mr Hewart's hands from a man in Court. As a matter of fact several copies of the paper had actually been purchased by people in Court from a man who had brought a numerous supply.

Mr Hewart, resuming, said the paper was published under the auspices of the industrial Syndicalist Education League.

PRISONER'S SPEECHES.

"*I wish now,*" he continued, "*to refer very* shortly to two speeches which the prisoner addressed to meetings, one in Salford and one in Pendleton, which shows his responsibility, not only for the original, but also for the subsequent publication of the matter. There was a meeting at the Salford Town Hall on March 13, said to be called in connection with the Workers' Union, and a considerable number of persons were present. The prisoner referred to the strikes at Liverpool last summer and to the action taken by the authorities for the protection of the public and of property. He said that he would always be one to say to the soldiers—'Don't shoot your comrades and fellow-workers. Turn your rifles round and shoot the other people.' Referring to the charge which was about to be investigated against a person called Bowman, the prisoner said, 'He was editor, and I was secretary of *The Syndicalist*, and he was arrested for publishing among soldiers this paper, which appealed to the soldiers not to shoot down their fellow-working men. After his arrest the police visited Bowman's rooms, and stole copies of the paper, but I have twenty copies, and will sell them at twopence each on personal application being made.' On the following evening, March 14th, a further meeting was held at Pendleton Town Hall in connection with the same Workers' Union. There also a considerable number of persons were present, and reference was made again to the arrest of Bowman. Prisoner, in the course of his speech, said—'The Government have already prepared the hotels and barracks for the military. They have appointed men in charge of them in this very district—in the towns and around. What are they doing it for? They have brought them here to shoot you down—that is their intention. They are trying to close the mouths of any of us who dare to talk freely and express opinions with some degree of courage.' Prisoner next said that two brothers, who were the printers of the little paper (the *Syndicalist*) had been arrested. They printed it on behalf of a committee, of which he was chairman. That was not the same description as he had given of himself on the previous night, but it proclaimed his primary responsibility. He then went on to refer to this open letter, from which he quoted, and reiterated his intention of giving that advice to soldiers, adding—'For these soldiers to be ordered to fire and to murder—to fire and to kill, for that is how they have been told to fire—and then us to be told that we shall not, under pain of imprisonment, raise our voices to tell them not to do so, is more than we can stand. If we obey, we are cowards and mean things. By all the gods and devils, I will let the Government know that I will not stand it, I don't see how I shall escape, as chairman of the committee that is responsible for the publication of the *Syndicalist*. You must not be surprised if I am arrested and find myself in Court.' Upon this evidence," counsel concluded, "and upon the evidence that copies of the paper were sold at the meeting and came direct for the prisoner himself, I submit that prisoner ought to be committed to take his trial."

A WEEK'S REMAND.

The Magistrate—Are you prepared to go on, Mr Hewart?

Mr Hewart—Yes, sir.

The Magistrate—Are you, Mr Quilliam?

Mr Quilliam—No, sir. We intend to brief counsel, and as prisoner was only brought to Salford yesterday there has been no opportunity to do so. I must ask for a remand.

The Magistrate (after consulting others on the bench)—We think there ought to be a remand in this case to enable him to prepare his defence. There will be a remand for a week.

Mr Quilliam—As to bail, sir? I suppose there is no doubt in the minds of the prosecution that he will be prepared to take his place in the dock at the next hearing. We can find responsible persons to offer bail. I understand that the prosecution do not object to bail themselves.

Mr Hewart—I say nothing on that head.

The Magistrate—There will be no bail.

Mr Quilliam—I hope your Worship will hear me before you definitely say that.

The Magistrate—I have said it definitely, Mr Quilliam.

A friend of the prisoner's called to him, "Ta, ta, Tom, good luck lad," as he left the dock.

Mr Hewart then drew attention to the fact that no evidence had been taken.

The Magistrate—I don't think, having regard to the fact that the application for the remand came from the defence, that there is any necessity.

The proceedings then concluded.

LIVERPOOL ENGINEERS AND TOM MANN'S DEFENCE.

The following resolution was carried unanimously at the Liverpool District Committee of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers last night:—"That the Executive Council of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers be urged to take steps to adequately defend Brother Tom Mann at his trial, and also to convene a special emergency conference of all Trade Unions to consider the extreme gravity of the situation."

MR VICTOR GRAYSON ITCHING FOR ARREST.

Mr Victor Grayson addressed a large meeting in Dumbarton last night. He expressed the hope that the miners would stand firm even when military arrived. (Applause.) And if by some process of telepathy they could remind the soldiers that they belonged to the same class as themselves he hoped the soldiers would be seized with the same strike spirit as their comrades. He was willing as a patriot to fight against any foreign Power, but if his comrades came out on strike and were charged by military, he, if he was a soldier, would turn his back on them. (Applause.) Tom Mann said that—(applause)—and if that was enough to send Tom Mann to jail he (Mr Grayson) was after him. (Applause.) As a matter of fact he was itching for it.

THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST CONSUMPTION.

LORD ROSEBERY ON THE PROGRESS MADE.

LORD ROSEBERY, as President, occupied the chair at the forty-third annual meeting of the Governors of the Royal National Hospital for Consumptives (Ventnor, Isle of Wight) held yesterday at the offices, Buckingham Street, London.

In moving the adoption of the annual report, Lord Rosebery said he did not profess to be versed in the Insurance Act, but it was necessary for him as their chairman to note that since they had last met legislation had been adopted by Parliament which made the cure of consumption to some extent a public matter. As to the report now before them, there were two aspects. The first which they might consider was the amount of good the Hospital was doing, and the second was the means which had been given them by the public for doing the work of curing consumption. Under neither head, he considered, had they any reason to express regret. There was one particular fact connected with the horrible plague with which they had to contend, and with it they were eminently satisfied. When the results were considered of the decline in the progress of that fatal disease, all interested in the prevention and cure of consumption had every reason to congratulate themselves. The mortality in London, he noted, fell by no less than 33 per cent. between 1901 and 1909, and by 14 per cent. throughout England and Wales during the same period. Thus nearly 40,000 lives were saved during 1909 which would have been lost had the average conditions of the decennium 1871-1880 persisted. He was bound to say that these figures seemed to him full of encouragement in the work of the Hospital. He had on this occasion to reiterate the complaint which annually fell from the chair, and it was that, while highly approving of the way in which their Hospital was managed, the trustees of the King Edward Fund did not see fit to give a grant to the Royal National Hospital. That complaint had in former years fallen on deaf ears, and he did not presume those ears would be any more receptive on this occasion than they had been before.

TAXATION AND CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS.

As regarded the means at their disposal in dealing with the plague which they had to combat, the income showed practically no falling off, at least so far as the annual subscriptions were concerned. They showed indeed a small increase, which was eminently satisfactory. It was satisfactory for the reason that owing to the heaviness of taxation and the amount of death duties collected on contributions to charities, there must be a deadening of charitable contribution. That was observed in all charitable contributions except in those to the Royal National Hospital. The death duties had told no doubt on the legacies. The legacies in 1911 amounted to £597, while in 1910 they reached £2040. The total income in 1911 was £14,000, showing a decrease of £500 from the previous year, which was not wholly satisfactory. Part of the income for the year came from a very generous gift of £1000 from Sir Ernest Cassel, in memory of his daughter. While there were complaints from charitable institutions all over with respect to the falling off in contributions, the Royal National Hospital had every reason to congratulate itself. In the course of the past year they had put up marble tablets to the memory of their late Majesties Queen Victoria and King Edward VII. Their institution owed much to the fostering care of these Sovereigns, who were resident in the Isle of Wight, and who generously looked after the Hospital. On the general survey of the work of the year, they had also reason to congratulate themselves. Their success was evidenced by the numerous applications which they received each year for recommendations to the Hospital. These, unfortunately, they were not always able to grant. The existent demand, however, showed the vast appreciation of their work by the public, and he hoped the public would also display it in future by keeping up, and indeed increasing, their contributions to an institution which, he thought, stood first in the country for its cure of consumption, a disease which the nation seemed most determined to combat. (Applause.)

Mr P. B. Burgoyne seconded the adoption, and Dr Robert Robertson, speaking in support, said the Hospital had a noble record, and was doing better than ever before.

Mr Burgoyne, in moving a vote of thanks to Lord Rosebery, pointed out that his Lordship had come specially from Scotland to attend this meeting.

Lord Rosebery, in reply, said he was very grateful for the motion which they had passed. Perhaps he owned some merit in coming from Scotland when the trains were far from certain, and their arrival a matter of problem. He was proud to be the President of the Royal National Hospital. It conferred upon him a much greater honour than any advantage he could give it. He had always this particular feeling in connection with the institution, and that was that he owed the Presidency much more to the good works of his wife's family than to any merits of his own. (Applause.)

THE LEEDS SHOOTING INCIDENT.

A VERDICT of wilful murder was returned against George Lumb, a Castleford miner, at the inquest yesterday on Jane Lumb, sixty-five years of age. The evidence showed that on Monday Dr Bentley called to see the deceased, when a shot was fired, and the doctor was seen retreating downstairs before the accused, who had a revolver. The doctor, on getting outside the house, entered his trap, and remarked to his groom, "I am shot." Some one then locked the door of the house from within. Shortly afterwards the sound of a shot in the bedroom was heard. The police described how they forced the door, and found the accused, revolver in hand, standing at the top of the stairs. An inspector, using a piece of sheet iron as a shield, forced his way upstairs, and Lumb quietly submitted. The deceased was on the bed shot in the left temple. It was stated that Dr Bentley's condition was still critical. A witness said the accused met with a serious accident to his head about two years ago, and received compensation up to three months ago. A doctor stated that he and Dr Bentley had always regarded the accused as feeble-minded but harmless.

CHIEF CONSTABLE OF LANCASHIRE.—Mr Harry Philip Parnell Lane was yesterday appointed Chief-Constable of Lancashire, in succession to Captain Ibbetson. The salary is £1000 a year. Mr Lane had been deputy-chief nearly three years, and previously was Deputy Chief-Constable of Liverpool. He began life as a clerk in the Chief-Constable's office, Essex. He was subsequently superintendent in Devon, and after serving in Kent went to Liverpool ten years ago.

SPORTSMAN KILLED IN THE HUNTING FIELD.—At the inquest at Lyndhurst yesterday on Mr Charles Edward Brazier (53), killed through being thrown from his horse while hunting with the New Forest foxhounds on Tuesday, a verdict of accidental death was returned. Mr B. R. Brazier, of Mallow, Ireland, who gave evidence of identification, said his brother was home on leave from India. The deceased was picked up in Denny Wood with his neck broken.

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COMMERCIAL MARKETS

PRODUCE.

LONDON, Thursday.—Sugar.—Home refined is quiet at late rates. Tate's cubes, ready, 24s. 6d., 24s.; and for delivery in April-June, 24s. 9d., 24s. 3d.; July-August, 24s. 10½d., 24s. 4½d.; and October-December, 20s. 4½d. and 19s. 10½d.; crushed, 23s. 3d.; caster, 25s.; mineral water crystals, 23s. 3d.; and granulated, 23s. 3d. and 22s. 7½d. Lyle's granulated, 22s. 4½d., 21s. 10½d.; crystals, 22s. 10½d., 21s. 10½d.; caster, 23s. 7½d.; white, 21s. 7½d.; and yellow, 20s. 3d. Foreign granulated is dull and lower. Ready Z11 sold 17s. 8¼d.; March quoted 17s. 7½d.; May-August, 17s. 9d., sellers; November-December, 15s. 4½d., sellers, f.o.b. Hamburg. The market for foreign cubes is quiet. WSR, prompt, quoted 20s. 3d.; ASR in circle, prompt, 20s. 3d.; Meyer's, prompt, 20s. 1½d.; S and T, April, 20s. 6d.; ASP, April-August, 20s. 6d.; EAR, March-August, 20s. 3¾d.; PGR, November-December, 15s. 10½d.; CZR, November-December, 15s. 10½d., f.o.b.; Crystals—WSR super, prompt, 19s. 9d.; No. 1, do., 19s. 7½d.; EAR, Erin, March-August, 19s. 3d.; XLR and ELB, April-August, 19s. 3d.; PGR, November-December, 14s. 7½d.; CZR, November-December, 14s. 7½d., f.o.b.; Russian crystals, ready and May, 16s. 6d., sellers, f.o.b. Dantzic; No. 3 crystals in Paris quiet at 25c. to 12½c. decline. The market for cane sugar is quiet. Futures quiet, with sellers and buyers of March at 15s. 3d. and 14s. 6d.; April and May, 15s. 5½d. and 14s. 7½d.; and August at 15s. 2½d. and 14s. 9d. Beetroot opened ½d. to 1d. lower for current, and ¼d. to ½d. lower for next crop. Trade was quiet, and fluctuations small, the close being about steady, ¾d. decline for current, and ½d. for next crop. Sales comprise:—May at 15s. 0½d., 15s. 0½d., 15s., and 15s. 0½d.; August, 15s. 1d., 15s. 0½d., and 15s. 0¾d.; October-December, 11s. 4d., 11s. 3½d.; October, 11s. 5d.; and November-December, 11s. 3½d.; closing sellers and buyers of March at 14s. 10½d., 14s. 7½d.; April, 14s. 10½d., 14s. 9½d.; May, 15s. 0¼d., 15s.; June, 15s. 0½d., 15s.; July, 15s. 0½d. and 15s. 0¼d.; August, 15s. 0¾d. and 15s. 0½d.; September, 13s. 7d., 13s. 6d.; October-December, 11s. 5½d. and 11s. 3½d.; October, 11s. 5¼d. and 11s. 5d.; and November-December at 11s. 3¼d., 11s. 3d. Contracts registered for 94,500 bags.

Glucose.—Union Jack crystal corn syrup and Buffalo H and (or) Globe 3 A crystal corn syrup quoted 12s. 10½d., spot, London.

Coffee.—At auction to-day 3479 packages were offered, and met a good demand at firm rates. Costa Rica—fair to good small coloury, 78s. to 82s. 6d.; fair to good foreign cleaned greenish, 82s. to 85s.; fair to fine mid colouty, 81s. 6d. to 86s. 6d.; fair to fine bold, 84s. 6d. to 89s. 6d.; peaberry at 86s. 6d. to 100s. Mexican—greenish, 77s. 6d. to 83s.; peaberry, 83s. to 84s. 6d. Nicaragua—small blue, 77s.; mid do., 82s. 6d. to 83s. 6d.; fine bold blue, 88s. to 94s.; peaberry, 90s. to 95s. 6d. Colombian—bold mixed soft dark, 77s. 6d.; good hard, 81s. to 82s.; mottled grey, 79s. 6d.; peaberry, 80s. to 83s. Jamaica—bold mixed pale, 72s. Futures opened without material change in value, but with easier Continental advices the tone became flat, and prices dropped 1s. 3d. to 1s. 4½d., at which the close was dull. About 15,000 bags sold. March quoted 61s. 6d. sellers, 61s. buyers; May, 62s. 4½d. to 61s., paid and buyers; July, 62s. 7½d. to 61s. 7½d., paid, now 61s. 4½d., value; September, 62s. 3d. to 61s. 3d., paid and sellers; December, 61s. 6d. to 60s. 3d., paid and buyers; and March 1913 quoted 60s. 3d. sellers, 59s. buyers. Contracts registered for 18,750 bags.

Tea.—At to-day's auctions 6020 packages Java were offered, and met a good demand. The market is rather better, buyers were numerous, at recent rates, and the tendency of prices was upwards.

Rice is quiet, but steady. Rangoon and Bassein quoted 9s. 6d. to 9s. 7½d.; Moulmein, 9s. to 9s. 3d.; Necranzie, 9s. 4½d. to 9s. 7½d.; Saigon, 8s. 9d. to 10s. c.i.f., delivered weights. Cleaned rice—Rangoon No. 3, 10s. 10½d. to 11s. 1½d., c.i.f.; Levant No. 2, 11s. to 11s. 1½d., S.Q., 10s. 9d. to 10s. 10½d., c.i.f., United Kingdom or Continent. Broken No. 1, 10s. 3d. to 10s. 6d.; No. 2, 9s. 9d. to 10s., ex ship, United Kingdom or Continent. Siam garden, No. 1, 14s. 3d. to 14s. 9d.; broken, No. 1, 10s. to 10s. 3d.; No. 3, 9s. 6d. to 9s. 10½d. Saigon, No. 2, ordinaire, 10s. 3d. to 11s. 3d., c.i.f., United Kingdom or Continent.

Rice bran, Rangoon, 105s. to 125s., according to position; Saigon, 100s. to 115s., c.i.f., delivered weights. Arrived since January, 106,609 tons, against 228,898 tons a year ago; afloat, 75,496 tons, against 71,046 tons a year ago.

Tapioca is very quiet. Fair Singapore flake, April-June shipment, quoted 2⅜d., sellers, c.i.f.; medium pearl fair Singapore, April-June, 21s. 6d., sellers; Penang, equal fair Singapore, 19s. 6d., sellers, c.i.f.; seed pearl Penang, equal fair Singapore 19s., sellers, c.i.f.

Hemp remains dull and inactive. Fair current, March-May and April-June shipments, quoted £22, sellers; superior seconds, £19, 15s., value; and good seconds, £19, 10s., value, c.i.f. New Zealand quiet at £21, 15s. for good fair quality and £20, 5s. for fair quality, c.i.f.

Jute is steady, but business is still of small extent. Native first marks, March-April steamer, quoted £24, 17s., buyers, and April-May, £24, 15s., buyers, c.i.f. 500 bales native first marks, March-April steamer, Hamburg, sold at £24, 10s., c.i.f. Calcutta cabled as steady, 58 rs. paid for March and 60 rs., sellers, April.

Drugs.—Bucha leaves firm; 31 packages offered and 2 sold; short green, 4s. 6d.; ovals, without reserve, 1s. 2d. Aloes firm; Zanzibar, 15 packages offered and 13 sold; good hard, 67s. 6d. to 83s. Beeswax dearer; Madagascar, 229 packages offered and 56 sold; fair grey and yellow, £7, 2s. 6d.; grey and dark, £7; fair red and yellow, £6, 17s. 6d. East Indian, 65 packages offered and 10 sold; red and yellow, £6, 7s. 6d. Cardomoms, 179 packages offered, and 102 sold at about previous rates. Mysore bold pale, 3s. 10d. to 4s. 3d.; bold brownish, 3s. 7d. to 3s. 8d.; medium pale, 3s. 5d. to 3s. 9d.; medium brownish, 3s. to 3s. 3d.; small palish, 3s. 1d. to 3s. 3d.; extra small, 2s. 9d.; splits, very bold, 3s. 2d.; ordinary, 2s. 9d. to 2s. 11d.; seeds, 3s. 1d. to 3s. 4d. Coca leaves steady; 114 packages sold. Ceylon, good bold, 1s.; brownish, 6d.; small do., 4d.; Java, fair green, ground, 5s. Rhubarb—Eight cases sold; medium round Shensi, 2s.; bold flat, high dried, 8¼d. to 9d. Senna—56 packages sold at steady rates; Alexandria pods, 6½d. to 7½d. Gum myrrh—28 packages sold; Aden, good clean sorts, 62s. 6d.; siftings, 37s. Ipecacuanha steady, quiet; Minas, fair plump root, 8s. 6d. Kobayashi menthol crystals—7 packages sold at steady rates, without reserve, at 21s. 2d. to 21s. 5d.

Seeds.—Linseed firmer, with more inquiry. Calcutta, spot, 77s.; March, 65s. 6d., sellers; April-June sold at 60s. 9d. to 61s. 6d.; La Plata, February-March, 59s. 6d.; and March-April, 59s., sellers; Hull, January-February, 61s. 9d., paid; and February-March, 59s. 9d., paid; Hamburg, March-April, 58s. 9d., sellers; Bombay to Continent, February-March, 69s.; March-April, 67s. 6d.; and March-May, 64s. 6d., sellers. Rape seed quiet but firm; brown Cawnpore, April-May, 44s. 6d., paid Hamburg; Ferozepore, February-March, 46s.; and March-April, 46s. 9d., sellers. Poppyseed firm; Bombay, Calcutta option, March-May, 60s. 6d., sellers. Cottonseed firm, with little offering; prompt, £8, 6s. 3d., sellers; April, £8, 5s., paid; Hull, spot, £8, buyers; March, £8, paid; April, £8 2s. 6d. sellers; Bombay to Hull, afloat, £6, 17s. 6d., sellers; February-March and March-April, £6, 15s., buyers.

Oils, &c.—Linseed oil firm; spot pipes, 38s.; barrels, 38s. 9d.; March-April, 37s. 9d.; May-August, 34s. 10½d.; September-December, 32s. 10½d. Rape oil firm; ordinary brown, spot and forward, 31s. 6d.; refined, spot, 32s. 6d. Cotton oil firm; crude, spot and March-April, 23s.; refined, 24s. 6d. to 27s. 3d. Soya oil quiet; spot, 26s. 9d. Turpentine firm; spot, 35s. 9d.; and March-April, 36s. Petroleum firm; Russian and American, 9½d. Tallow steady; mutton, 34s. to 35s. 9d.; beef, 32s. 6d. to 34s. 6d.

Fur Skins.—The last of the Hudson's Bay Company's offerings were put forward at to-day's auction, and the market proved less uniformly firm than on preceding days. Black bear made 15 per cent., and cross fox 37½ per cent. higher prices than at last March sales, and musquash, in very large supply, realised 10 per cent. and beaver 15 per cent. above January rates. On the other hand, blue fox showed 10 per cent., brown bear 22½ per cent., grey bear 45 per cent., white bear 5 per cent., and hair-dry seal 12½ per cent. decline on fur values obtained a year ago.

Hides.—At auction supplies were small, and demand very brisk, heavy being dearer. Salted Cape hides, kips, and calf skins, heavy, were held above the market. Others very firm at late rates. Dry salted and brined hides, extra heavy and heavy, ⅛d. per lb. dearer; light slightly easier. Kips barely steady; calf unchanged. Sun-dried hides, extra heavy and heavy, ⅛d. to ¼d. dearer. Light and kips slightly easier; calf unchanged.

HULL, Thursday.—Oils and Cakes.—Linseed oil closed steady; spot, 36s. 6d.; May-April, 36s. 1½d.; May-August, 33s., sellers; September-December, 31s. 9d., sellers. Refined cotton oil steady; spot, 23s. 1½d.; March-April, 23s. 3d.; May-August, 24s. 3d. crude, spot, 21s. 4½d. Soya bean oil firm; spot, crushed, 24s. 1½d.; May-August, 24s. 6d. Linseed cakes, 95 per cent., £11. Cotton cakes—Spot, Egyptian, £5, 17s. 6d.; Bombay, spot, £5, 5s. to £5, 7s. 6d. Soya cakes, spot, £7, 5s.

PARIS, Thursday.—Sugar.—White crushed No. 3—Small business done at 12½ to 25 lower on the day; March, 48.37½; April, 48.62½; May-August, 49.25; October-January, 37 per 100 kilos. Raw quiet; spot, analysis above 90 per cent., 41.75; maximum analysis 90 per cent., 43.50; refined, 81.50 to 82. Spirits firm; moderate business passing; March, 63.75; April, 63.75; May-August, 64.75; September-December, 53 per hectolitre. Rape oil—Market quiet; March, 75.25; April, 74.25; May-August, 71.75; September-December, 71.75 per 100 kilos. Linseed oil—Prices closed firm, with a moderate demand; March, 91.25; April, 90; May-August, 84; September-December, 78.50 per 100 kilos.

LIVERPOOL, Thursday. — Sugar.—Cane sorts neglected and values continue nominal and on the easy side. Beet opened quiet and closed quiet at 2d. to ½d. down on the day. Official quotations of Beetroot Sugar Association of Lancashire (Limited), 11.30 A.M.:—March, 14s. 9¼d.; May, 15s. 0¼d.; August, 15s. 2d.; October-December, 11s. 4d. 3.15 P.M.—March, 14s. 9d.; April, 14s. 9¼d.; May, 15s. 0¼d.; August, 15s. 2d.; October-December, 11s. 3½d. English refined (4.45 P.M.):—Tate's crystals—Ones, 23s. 4½d.; small, 23s. 1½d.; twos, 22s. 10½d.; granulated, standard, 22s. 7½d.; HTS, 22s. 9d.; coarse, 23s. 1½d.; fine, 23s. 3d. Fine granulated (small bags), 25s.; caster do., 25s. 3d. per cwt., in Liverpool. Cubes—Ones, 24s. 6d.; twos, 24s.; afternoon tea, 25s. 3d. per cwt. in London. Fairrie's cubes, 24s. 3d.; crushed, 24s.; crystals, extras, 24s. 9d.; ones, 24s. 3d.; threes, 23s. 9d.; fives, 22s. 9d.; eights, 22s. 9d.; granulated, A, 23s. 3d.; B, 23s. 3d.; O, 22s. 6d.; uniform, 22s. 6d. per cwt. Molasses quiet, steady, at 4s. 9d. to 5s. per cwt. for American on spot. Yesterday's import, 3000 tons.

Coffee firm and dearer, and Pernam held for 68s. per cwt., in bond. Havre opened steady. March, 86½ francs; May, 84¼; July, 83¾; September, 83¾; December 83.

Cocoa.—African dull, and only a quiet demand continues.

Rice.—Cleaned, on spot, in only limited request at late rates, but forward is still neglected, and quotations nominal. Yesterday's import, 5 tons.

Rice bran idle, and values continue nominal; April-December Rangoon, £5, 10s. per ton, ex ship. Yesterday's import, 645 tons.

Sago flour slow; spot 11s. 9d. to 12s. per cwt., and forward nominally 11s. 3d. per cwt., quay terms.

Tapioca flour steady at 14s. 6d. to 15s. per cwt. for fine Java, ex store.

Cottonseed meal steady, at £7, 10s. to £7, 17s. 6d. per ton for American, on spot, as in quality. Yesterday's import, 26,215 bags.

Seeds.—Linseed easier; March-April and April-May, Plate, 51s. per 416 lb., with more inquiry, but bids so far have been too low. Cottonseed unchanged, and idle. Early positions firm and scarce, but forward dull; and Brazilian nominal at £6, 12s. 6d. to £6, 15s. per ton, quay terms. Yesterday's import, 3000 bags. Canaryseed quiet; La Plata, on spot, 52s. 6d. per 464 lb., ex quay; forward unchanged. Kapokseed idle, and nominal. Yesterday's import, 2577 bags.

Oils, &c.—Linseed oil very firm; Liverpool makes, in export, 39s. to 39s. 6d. per cwt.; and naked, 37s. to 37s. 6d. per cwt., ex mill. Cotton oil strong and dearer; Liverpool makes, for prompt and March-April, 24s. to 24s. 9d. per cwt., loan of barrels. Yesterday's import, 1250 barrels. Soya oils idle, and quotations continue nominal. Cocoanut oil steady, but continues quiet; English, ex mill, in casks, £40 to £41 per ton, according to terms. Yesterday's import, 143 barrels. Castor oil quiet; Calcutta, on spot, 3 9-16d. to 3⅝d. per lb., ex store; forward unchanged. Tallow quietly steady for near at hand parcels, and Plate beef, afloat, held for 33s. to 33s. 6d. per cwt., c.i.f., according to position, but demand remains slow. Forward dull and neglected. Yesterday's import, 152 packages. Rosin steady at 17s. to 17s. 7½d. per cwt. for American B to I, less 2½ per cent. Colza oil steady but slow; Stettin, 36s. 6d. per cwt., ex store, in barrels. Yesterday's import, 10 barrels. Lard oil steady at 48s. 6d. per cwt. for best English refined, ex mill, in barrels. Olive oil continues quiet; Malaga, for shipment, £38, 10s. to £39, 10s. per ton, c. and f., according to shipper. Palm oil firm, unchanged, but with less demand. Lagos sold at £29, transit. Softs quoted at £28, 15s.; hards at £26, 15s.; and Benin at £27, 10s., transit. Yesterday's import, nil. Refined sorts firm; clarified £28, 10s., and bleached £31, 15s. per ton, ex mill, in casks. Petroleum firm; American ordinary 6¾d., RO 9¼d., and WR 10¼d. per gallon. Turpentine firmer at 36s. 3d. per cwt. for spot, 35s. 4½d. for March-April and 36s. 7½d. for May-June.

CLYDE CRUSHED SUGAR, Thursday.—Market has continued quiet. A small business done at about previous prices.

LONDON HAY AND STRAW.—Trade quiet: best clover, 106s. to 120s.; inferior, 85s. to 95s.; specially picked hay, 115s.; good, 95s. to 110s.; inferior, 70s. to 80s.; mixture and sainfoin, 102s. 6d. to 117s. 6d.; straw, 38s. to 46s. per load.

COTTON.

LIVERPOOL, Thursday.—The spot market has ruled extremely dull, the demand having been considerably curtailed by the gloomy aspect with regard to the labour situation. The unfavourable turn of events is causing much uneasiness among spinners, who are adopting an attitude of complete indifference until matters are amicably settled. There was also very little doing for account of merchants and exporters, and the total turnover was very disappointing from a sellers' point of view. There was, however, no marked pressure to sell, and the basis of points on has been fairly well maintained. In American growths trading was of a retail character, and quotations show a decline of 3 points. Middling, 6.09d. per lb. Brazilians dull at a loss of 3 to 5 points. Peruvians had a slow sale at previous rates. Egyptians met with a moderate inquiry, without quotable change. East Indians continue out of request; values nominally unaltered. American futures have drifted into a dull and apathetic state, the business transacted being of most unimportant dimensions and entirely professional. At the moment there is a lack of speculative interest, traders generally holding aloof pending more definite news with regard to the coal strike. The crisis has become more acute, and during the greater part of the day tired bulls liquidated rather freely, and in the absence of any great amount of offtake, prices had a sagging tendency. At intervals attempts were made to lift prices by the circulation of adverse weather conditions, but the weight of cotton was too much for the market to comfortably absorb, and the close was about the lowest of the day, with the feeling rather against the market. The opening was ½ to 1½ easier, and with a scarcity of buyers and poor spot trade, prices lost another point or two; official quotations at 12.15 P.M. being 2 to 2½ below last night. In the early afternoon reports of snowstorms in Texas lifted values 3 to 4 points, but the improvement was subsequently lost under American straddle selling, the close being quiet, 2 to 3 lower on the day. Egyptian contracts had a slow market, closing 2 to 4 easier. American futures—Closing values:—March, 5d., 84¼; March-April, 5d., 84½; April-May, 5d., 84; May-June, 5d., 84; June-July, 5d., 83; July-August, 5d., 82; August-September, 5d., 78½; September-October, 5d., 75; October-November, 5d., 72; November-December, 5d., 70; December-January, 5d., 69½; January-February, 5d., 69½; February-March, 5d., 70½; March-April, 5d., 71. Egyptian contracts—Closing values:—March, 8d., 49; April, 8d., 53; May, 8d., 55; June, 8d., 58; July, 8d., 59; August, 8d., 61; September, 8d., 57; October, 8d., 56; November, 8d., 53; December, 8d., 51; January, 8d., 51. The sales were estimated at 5000 bales, including 4670 American, no Brazilian, 30 Peruvian, 300 Egyptian, and no Surats. Import, 16,338 bales.

MANCHESTER, Thursday.—Cloth sellers are very difficult to deal with, and inquiry is on a reduced scale, but there is a fair business concluded from day to day. India markets all round take a variety of grades, but many bids are quite unworkable. Smaller outlets operate quietly, and home trade is quite upset. Under more settled conditions the prospects would be exceedingly bright. Prices in yarn section stiff, and business is restricted in all directions.

PROVISIONS.

LONDON, Thursday.—Dead Meat.—Fair supplies received; generally quiet support. Arrivals of beef included 40 tons Scottish, 22 Liverpool sides, and 4250 Argentine hind-quarters and fore-quarters. Quotations:—Beef, Scottish short sides, 4s. 10d. to 5s.; long, 4s. 6d. to 4s. 8d.; English, 4s. 3d. to 4s. 6d.; American, Deptford killed, 4s. 2d. to 4s. 6d.; Liverpool, 4s. 2d. to 4s. 6d.; Argentine chilled hind-quarters, 3s. 2d. to 3s. 8d.; fore-quarters, 2s. 3d. to 2s. 5d.; River Plate frozen hind-quarters, 2s. 5d. to 2s. 6d.; fore-quarters, 1s. 11d. to 2s.; New Zealand hind-quarters, 2s. 7d. to 2s. 8d.; fore-quarters, 2s. to 2s. 1d.; Australian hind-quarters, 2s. 4d. to 2s. 5d.; fore-quarters, 1s. 11d. to 2s. Mutton—Scottish wedders, 4s. 10d. to 5s.; tegs, 5s. to 5s. 4d.; ewes, 4s. to 4s. 4d.; English wedders, 4s. 8d. to 5s.; ewes, 4s. to 4s. 4d.; Wellington, 2s. 8d. to 2s. 9d.; River Plate, 2s. 4d. to 2s. 5d.; Australian, 2s. 2d. to 2s. 4d. Lamb—English, 6s. 4d. to 8s.; New Zealand, 3s. 6d. to 4s. Veal, English and Dutch, 4s. 4d. to 5s. 8d. Pork, English and Dutch, 3s. 8d. to 4s. 2d. per 8 lb.

LIVERPOOL, Thursday. — Bacon—American meats had a firm market on dearer c.i.f. offers, and holders are offering sparingly. Long clears at 1s. per cwt. advance at 51s. to 53s.; and Cumberlands and short clear backs at 6d. per cwt. more money at 47s. 6d. to 52s. 6d. and 49s. to 51s. respectively. Canadian sides quiet, with Cumberlands 1s. per cwt. dearer at 51s. to 55s. Wiltshires partly 1s. cheaper at 55s. to 58s. Irish and Danish bacons dull, and more freely offered at about 1s. per cwt. decline; Irish, 59s. to 67s.; Danish, 59s. to 62s. Shoulders firm, and held for late rates, though trading continues quiet. Hams in moderate request at firm rates, and skinless quoted partly 1s. per cwt. dearer at 63s. to 68s. Lard sells quietly, but quotations are raised 6d. per cwt. in sympathy with c.i.f. rates. Prime western, 47s. to 47s. 9d.; American refined (pails), 48s. to 49s.; boxes, 46s. 9d. to 47s. 9d. Cheese still in narrow supply, and firmly held for previous rates. Butter quiet and tending easier, though not quotably altered. Eggs easier; Irish hen, 7s. 8d. to 8s. 2d.; Irish duck, 9s. 8d. to 10s. 3d.; Danish, 8s. 6d. to 9s.; Continental, 7s. 3d. to 7s. 6d.; Egyptian, 5s. 6d. to 6s. 9d. per 120. Beef and pork firm, and in moderate demand.

LEITH.—Mr J. W. Miller reports:—Butter—slow trade for Danish at 1s. to 1s. 6d. advance. Small supplies are barely cleared. The basis price for shipment this week was again 2s. to 3s. higher. Friesland fresh; outlet is limited on account of high price. Colonial—Little doing. Siberian in fair demand at unchanged rates. The best quality is superior to any colonial. Cheese—New Zealand firmly held at unchanged rates. Eggs are still falling, and arrivals are difficult to clear, even at a considerable reduction.

GLASGOW MEAT MARKET.—Moderate supplies of all classes of home, colonial, and foreign meat were on offer yesterday, and the quality was a good average. Best Scottish and Irish beef experienced a fair demand at full quotations, and the lower grades of home-fed beef were slow to sell at late rates. In the home-fed mutton department, the finest Scottish tegs were scarce and dear. Lower graded varieties were in fair request at firm prices. Chilled beef was a very limited supply, and the turn dearer. Frozen beef met a moderate demand, and boneless beef was selling freely. Frozen mutton and lamb of every variety experienced a fairly active inquiry at recent currencies. Quotations:—Best Scottish beef, 60s. 8d. to 63s.; second grade, 57s. 9d. to 59s. 6d. Best Irish beef, 57s. 7d. to 59s. 6d.; second grade, 56s. to 57s. 2d.; third grade, 51s. 4d. to 56s.; middling and inferior, 28s. to 46s. 8d. Best Scottish mutton (choice tegs), 72s. 4d. to 74s. 8d.; second grade, 65s. 4d. to 70s.; third grade, 60s. 8d. to 65s. 4d.; middling and inferior, 56s. to 60s. 8d. Chilled Beef—Argentine fore-quarters, 33s. 10d. to 35s.; hind-quarters, 46s. 8d. to 51s. 4d. Frozen Beef—Colonial and Argentine fore-quarters, 28s. to 30s. 4d.; hind-quarters, 32s. 8d. to 37s. 4d.; boneless beef, 35s. to 42s. Frozen Mutton—Colonial and Argentine tegs, 37s. 4d. to 42s.; wedders and ewes, 32s. 8d. to 35s. Frozen Lamb—New Zealand-Canterbury, 49s. to 53s. 8d.; Wellington, 44s. 4d. to 46s. 8d.; Australian and Argentine, 37s. 4d. to 42s.

LONDON POTATO.—Trade quiet: Kents and Essex, 70s. to 75s.; Blacklands, 60s. to 70s.; Scottish Queens and Up-to-Dates, 75s. to 80s.; and Scottish, 70s. to 80s. per ton.

CORK BUTTER.—First, 118s.; second, 116s.; fine, 120s. Fresh butter from 114s.

COPENHAGEN BUTTER.—A telegram from Copenhagen states that the official quotation is three kroners lower.

FISH.

LONDON, Thursday.—Supply fair, demand fair. Turbot, 12s. to 14s. per stone; brill, 9s. to 10s. per stone; halibut, 9s. per stone; lemon soles, 6s. 6d. per stone; English plaice, 6s. per stone; Aberdeen, 6s. 6d. per stone; Scottish salmon, 2s. to 2s. 3d. per lb.; English and Irish, 2s. to 2s. 2d. per lb.; soles, 10d. to 1s. 3d. per lb.; slips, 10d. to 1s. 3d. per lb.; red mullet, 1s. to 1s. 6d. per lb.; dories, 4d. per lb.; whiting, 9s. per box; hake, 30s. per box; skate, 16s. per box; cod, 10s. to 12s. per box; large steamer haddocks, 22s. per trunk; small, 18s. per box; Norwegian fresh herrings, 16s. per box; salted, 20s. per barrel.

NEWHAVEN AND GRANTON, Thursday.—Supply small, and a large part more or less soft; demand strong and prices high; lemon soles and plaice were extremely scarce. Haddocks, large, 23s. to 42s.; medium, 21s. to 40s.; small, 11s. to 23s.; whitings, 12s. to 18s. 6d.; plaice, small lots, about 35s. to 40s.; lemon soles, small lots only, about 100s.; codlings, 10s. to 19s. 6d. per box; cod, 2s. to 5s. 6d.; ling, 1s. 6d. to 2s. 6d.; skate, 2s. to 2s. 6d. each; halibut, 5s. 10d. to 10s. 6d. per stone; herrings, barrels about 15s.; Clyde, 11s. to 12s.; boxes about 6s. to 8s. 6d.; crabs, small lots, about 7s. 6d. per box; mackerel, about 8s. 6d. to 9s. per box.

GLASGOW, Thursday.—Supply light; demand good. Prices:—Selected haddocks (line), 25s. to 32s.; do. (trawl), 30s. to 37s.; medium haddocks, 22s. to 28s.; very small haddocks, 11s. to 15s. 6d.; selected whitings, 20s. to 28s.; small whitings, 10s. to 17s.; cod, 9s. to 11s.; codling, 12s. to 19s.; small codling, 12s. to 16s.; mixed, 10s. to 15s. per box; plaice, 4½d. to 7d.; halibut, 9d. per lb. Cured fish very scarce. Prime trawls, 10s. to 12s.; second quality trawls, 6s. to 8s. per two-stone box.

DUNBAR, Thursday.—Some small shots of herring landed, up to 7 crans, which sold at 20s. per cran. Codlings, 6s. to 12s. per box; haddocks, 13s. to 21s.; whitings, 10s. to 15s.; flounders, 12s. to 18s.; crabs, 1s. 4d. to 1s. 6d. per dozen.

EYEMOUTH, Thursday.—The weather having improved somewhat, four herring boats made another trial last night, and arrived to-day with better shots, these ranging from 4 to 11 crans, at prices from 21s. to 26s. per cran. No line boats were at sea.

BERWICK, Thursday.—For the first time this week the boats were at sea. Light supplies were landed. Small lots of haddocks sold at 5s. per stone; plaice, 3s. to 4s. per stone; crabs, 5s. 9d. to 6s. 3d. per kit; lobsters, 1s. to 1s. 6d. each; codlings, 9s. to 12s. 6d. per box; cod and ling, 3s. to 4s. each.

ANSTRUTHER, Thursday.—There was a promising improvement in the fishing to-day, 42 boats arriving with an average catch of 6 crans each, the day's total being 252 crans. Prices were from 13s. 6d. to 14s. 6d. per cran.

ARBROATH, Thursday.—The line fishing here was again a blank owing to unfavourable weather. The price of salmon remains unchanged at 2s. 6d. per lb. Smoked trawl fish are selling at from 2s. 6d. to 4s. per stone.

STONEHAVEN, Thursday.—Twenty line haddock boats prosecuted the fishing, but with very poor results, a box of mixed fish being fully the average. The scarcity of fish brought up the price, large haddocks selling as high as from 35s. to 38s. per box, and codlings 13s. 6d. to 15s. 9d.

ABERDEEN, Thursday.—Twenty-three vessels—20 trawlers and 3 steam liners—landed a total of 355 tons. Prices were generally enhanced. Flats fell slightly in value. Quotations:—Cod, 14s. per score to 24s. per five; ling, 10s. per score to 12s. 6d. per five; saithe, 7s. to 17s. per score; extra large haddocks 11s. to 20s., large haddocks 15s. to 42s., medium haddocks 18s. 6d. to 30s., small do. and chats 10s. 6d. to 15s. 6d., whiting 7s. to 28s.—per box; turbot, 12s. to 19s. per stone; halibut, 5s. to 12s. 6d. per stone; large plaice 18s. to 48s., medium do. 52s. to 60s., megrims 42s. to 73s., whitches 36s. to 56s., lemon soles 56s. to 152s., large and medium codling 10s. to 26s., small do. 3s. 3d. to 13s.—per box. Iceland quotations:—Cod, 15s. 6d. per score; saithe, 13s. 9d. to 14s. 9d. per score; extra large haddocks, 13s. to 18s. per box; codling, 1[illegible] 6d. per box. At the early morning sales of salmon at the Aberdeen Fish Market to-day salmon was in short supply, and went out generally at 2s. 1½d. per lb. Extreme prices were 2s. and 2s. 3d. per lb. The demand was good, but no trout were forward.

LOSSIEMOUTH, Thursday.—The cod fishing to-day was lighter. Twenty arrivals landed takes ranging from 4 to 18 scores, the total amounting to 180 scores. There was a keen demand, prices ranging from 15s. to 41s. per score, according to size. The line boats had takes of 2 to 4 boxes of haddocks, which sold at 12s. per box for medium and 9s. for small.

BUCKIE, Thursday. — The cod net boats had another heavy fishing to-day. The catches ranged from 200 up to 500 cod per boat, the total landing exceeding 6000 fish. Prices, owing to the scarcity of fish at other ports, were well maintained at the advanced rates, the range being from 10d. to 1s. 2d. each. Twenty boxes of codlings sold at 7s. to 8s. per box, while haddocks fetched 15s. per box. The fish-curers obtained a concession to-day from the Great North of Scotland Railway, which put on a special fish train of fourteen waggons, carrying 42 tons of codfish freshed to the southern markets, being the first train of the kind since the coal strike began. This facility greatly strengthened the prices obtained by the fishermen, who are doing extremely well at the cod fishing, many of the sail boats earning from £30 to £60 per week. If the coal strike is not settled this week, Messrs Jones's Sawmills and Engineering Works, the chief works in the town, will have to discharge employees through lack of transport.

STORNOWAY, Thursday.—There were eleven arrivals to-day, with a total of 340 crans, being an average of 29 crans. Prices were 14s. to 18s. a cran. The top shot was 60 crans, landed by the Protect Me, of Peterhead. The Regent Bird, of Buckie, had 60 crans; Lord Methuen, of Stornoway, 50; Viola, of Gardenstown, 28; and Success, of Findochty, 23 crans. There was a small supply of line fish, the best shot being by the Capella, of Dundee, grossing £27.

MALLAIG, Thursday.—Five steam liners and one cod net boat arrived to-day with fairly good shots. Prices again increased. The Valkyrie, of Fraserburgh, had a £32 shot; Faithlie, of Fraserburgh, £29; Irrawaddy, of Fraserburgh, £18; Verdure, of Peterhead, £24; Geo. Walker, of Fraserburgh, £20. Conger, 21s. to 42s.; cod, 19s. to 33s. 6d.; ling, 18s. to 39s.; roker, 20s. to 27s.; skate, 30s. to 105s. per score. Strong east wind blowing.

OBAN, Thursday.—There was a pretty fair supply of white fish to-day, which commanded satisfactory prices. Conger was especially plentiful, some of the other varieties of fish being short. Cod sold to 20s., roker to 28s., ling to 37s., and conger to 28s. per score. The best shot was landed by the Endeavour, of Peterhead, and fetched £36.

FLEETWOOD, Thursday.—Decreased supply, and demand excellent. Prices again advanced. One-third of the fishing fleet is laid up. Large soles 1s., medium 1s. 2d.—per lb.; turbot 15s., halibut 11s., brill 9s., whitches 5s.—per stone; selected hake 62s., medium hake 45s., chat hake 33s., shell cod 30s., iced cod 24s., whiting 23s., megrims 45s., medium haddock 30s., small haddock 25s., conger eel 27s., plaice 60s.—per 9-stone box; roker 33s., ling 17s., coalfish 14s., gurnet 17s.—per kit.

BILLIARDS.

INMAN v. REECE.—The Twickenham man, Melbourne Inman, had again the better of the play at Holborn Hall yesterday afternoon with Reece. The last-named was outpointed by two to one, for Inman, compiling an aggregate of 977 to the 461 of his opponent, closed the session with the substantial lead of 1511. Inman was at his best with runs of 129, 287, 69, 93, 107, 104, and 83, as against the 111, 102, and 68 of Reece. Interval scores: — Inman, 4002; Reece, 3391. Totalling 930, with an average of 51, to 393, average 20, Inman added materially to his lead at night. The feature of his display was a grand break of 365, in addition to which he had items of 76, 117 (scored off a double baulk), 51, and 63. Reece, who played the first hour for 60 points, then contributed 94 and 226. Closing scores:—Inman, 5832; Reece, 3784.

E. DIGGLE v. C. HARVERSON.—Harverson (who receives 2000 start in 16,000) had slightly the better of the play at Liverpool yesterday afternoon. He was in play with an unfinished break of 93, which he increased to 230 before failing at a kiss cannon. Later he added 77, 59, 155, and 65 (unfinished.) Diggle's best were 203 and 103. Interval scores:—Harverson, 6084; Diggle, 4383. Harverson was in great form at night. After raising his incomplete break to 57, and following it with 55, he compiled, by brilliant all-round play, 318, the highest run of the match so far. Later he went to his points with 55 (unfinished.) Diggle's best were 71, 116, and 65. Closing scores:—Harverson, 6666; Diggle, 4764.

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NEW YORK STOCK MARKETS.

GENERAL REACTION.

[FROM OUR COMMERCIAL CORRESPONDENTS.]

NEW YORK, March 21.

BUSINESS at the Stock Exchange has continued active, but the advance of the past few days has been interrupted by heavy profit-taking, which has caused a fairly general reaction, and leaves the close barely steady, with more losses than gains on balance.

Lackawannas are up 3 points, Sugars 2¼, Lehighs 2⅛, Smelters 1½, Delawares, Manhattans, and Smelters Preferreds 1; Altons, Colorados, Soos, Amalgamateds, Cotton Oils, and Leads ½. The declines include 1¾ in Big Fours, 1¼ Ore Certificates, 1½ Ocean Trust Preferreds, 1 Louisvilles, ¾ Harvesters, ⅝ Denver Preferreds, Great Northerns, Southern Pacifics, and Unions; ⅝ Erie Seconds and Rock Islands, and ½ Brooklyns, Milwaukees, Soo Preferreds, Norfolks, Northern Pacifics, Texas and Pacifics, Beet Sugars, and Utah Coppers.

To-day's transactions represent about 751,000 shares, and included 137,000 Readings, 115,000 Steels, 68,000 Amalgamateds, 46,000 Lehighs, 45,000 Unions, 33,000 Smelters, 19,000 Atchisons, and 18,000 Eries.

The opening was active and firm, the Copper group leading a general rise averaging ½, and extending to ¾ in Amalgamateds and Smelters and ⅞ in Canadians. There was a fair amount of public buying through commission houses, and speculative accumulation of a good character continued, so that the quite heavy realising by professional traders on the theory that the market had advanced too fast was readily absorbed. Better advices from London and further buying orders from there, estimated at about 30,000 shares on balance, encouraged local bullish manipulation, and led to a further rise, in which the Anthracite Coalers, Atchisons, and a number of industrials were prominent. Smelters were a particularly strong spot, advancing over 2 points, on the favourable interpretation of the annual statement, which encouraged talk of a possible advance in the division to a 15 per cent. basis. Amalgamateds were carried up 1⅝, and this movement was also helped by rumours of an increase in the dividend. The market was active and broad during the forenoon, and while recessions occurred from bulges, they were shortlived offerings being well taken, and the decline checked.

During the midday session the less favourable foreign advices about the coal strike encouraged more persistent realisations and some bear testing, which succeeded in easing quotations to a more important extent. Trading continued active during the afternoon, at first causing numerous slight fluctuations, with alternate bulges and recessions, according to the shifting positions by scalping traders, but the undertone was well sustained by the strength of the Copper and Coaler groups. In the late trade traders increased their efforts to force a reaction, heavy profit-taking was resumed, and prices in most speculative favourites were forced back a point or more, less encouraging news about the bituminous labour difficulties helping the bears in their efforts. The final tone was easy, and stocks like Atchisons, Chesapeakes, Baltimores, Readings, the Harrimans, Rock Islands, and Steels finished at or near the lowest of the day. The strength of Sugars was again a prominent feature of the day, with the close near the best, and over 2 points higher than yesterday, the movement being caused by inside operations, ostensibly on the favourable trade conditions.

The bond market has been active, with transactions in about 3,660,000 dols. face value. There are, however, very few changes to note. Atchison Convertibles have risen further ½ point, and Norfolk Consolidateds are ¼ dearer.

The money market has been active and firmer, while the ruling rate was still 2¾ per cent. This was the lowest of the day, and the price gradually hardened to 3 per cent., the last loan paying 2¾ per cent. Sterling exchange has been steadier, and posted rates of transfers have been marked up 5 points.

Silver has become easier, commercial bars losing ⅛c., at 58⅝c. bid, 60c. asked.

The Standard Oil Company of Indiana has declared a stock dividend of 2900 per cent., as a result of the recent increases in its capital from 1,000,000 to 30,000,000 dols.

A syndicate of bankers headed by the National City Bank has purchased 25,000,000 of Five per Cent. First Mortgage Gold Bonds of the Virginian Railway from the Tidewater Company Builders.

The conference at Cleveland between the bituminous coal operators and the miners has to-day ended in an apparently fast deadlock, and a strike seems now very probable.

Representative Underwood has introduced a Bill into Congress revising the wool schedule, to make it identical with that which was vetoed by the President last session.

It is reported that large deposits of high-grade iron ore have been discovered in Fulton County, Pennsylvania.

The Chicago and Western Indiana Railroad has sold 1,385,000 of Consolidated Four per Cent. Mortgage Bonds.

The Inter-State Commerce Commission has reduced the rates for wood pulp on the Great Northern Railway in the Minnesota and Wisconsin territory.

EARNINGS.

For the year ended December 31:—

American Smelting and Refining Company (including the Smelters Securities Company)—Gross, 15,112,000 dols.; net 12,343,000 dols.; net surplus to profit and loss, 3,452,000 dols. No comparisons are available.

For the month of February:—

Lehigh Valley—Gross, 2,969,000 dols.—increase, 343,000 dols; net, 691,000 dols.—increase, 47,000 dols.

For the second week of March:—

Chicago Great Western, 279,000 dols.—decrease, 3000 dols. Inter-Oceanic of Mexico, 142,000 dols.—decrease, 62,000 dols.

National Railways of Mexico, 891,000 dols.—decrease, 422,000 dols.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE.	To-day.	Previous.
Call Money, Last Loan	2¾ %	2¾ %
Exchange on London, sight	4.87.35	4.87.35
Do. do. Cable transfers	4.87.80	4.87.75
Do. do. 60 days' sight	4.84.20	4.84.20
Do. Berlin, short sight	95¼	95¼
Do. Paris, short sight	5.18⅛	5.18⅛

SECURITIES.

NEW YORK.	English Equiv.	Clos. price bid. To-day.	Prev. day.	Bus. done. High-est.	Low-est.	Sales in 1000's of shares
N.Y. City Bonds	109 1/16	107¼	107¼	—	—	—
Atchison	110¾	107⅞	107⅞	108⅜	107⅜	19
Do. Pref.	105 1/16	103¼	103¼	103¼	107¾	—
Do. Adjustment	93⅜	91	91	—	—	—
Do. Convertible	110¾	108	107¼	—	—	—
Atlan. Coast Line	141	138⅞	138¾	—	—	—
Baltimore & Ohio	108	105⅝	105⅜	105¾	105⅜	3
Do. Pref.	90⅝	88	88	—	—	—
Brokn. R. Transit	83¼	81	81¼	81¼	81⅛	2
Canadian Pacific	239⅝	233⅞	233⅞	234⅜	233⅞	2
Central New Jersey	363½	355	355	—	—	—
Chesa. & Ohio	79⅛	76⅞	77	77¼	76⅜	1
Do. New 4½%	103⅝	101⅛	101	—	—	—
Chic. & Alton	18⅞	18	17½	19⅝	19⅜	—
Chic. G. West	19⅜	19	18¾	19⅛	19	1
Do. Pref.	37 15/16	37	37	—	—	—
Ch. Mil. & St Paul	111⅛	108¾	109¾	109⅛	108⅜	4
Do. Pref.	147⅝	144	144	—	—	—
Chic. & N.-West.	145⅞	142	142½	142¼	141⅝	—
Cl. Cin. Ch. & St L.	54⅞	53	54¾	—	—	—
Colorado & South	44⅞	43½	43	45	44	—
Delaware & Hudson	175¾	171	170	171¼	170	—
Del., Lack. & W.	572	558	555	—	—	—
Denver & R. Grande	22⅛	21½	21¾	22¼	22¼	—
Do. Pref.	41	40	40¾	41⅛	41	—
Erie	37⅞	36⅞	37	37	36⅝	18
Do. 2d Pref.	47	45⅞	46⅛	—	—	—
Do. 1st Pref.	57 13/16	56⅞	56⅜	56⅞	56⅛	—
Do. Gen. Lien.	81	79	79	—	—	—
Gt. Northern Pr.	136⅝	133¼	134	134⅛	133¾	—
Gt. Nor. Ore Certs	40½	39⅝	43⅝	40⅜	39⅝	5
Illinois Central	133	129¾	129½	130½	130	—
Interboro' Metrop.	19¼	19⅛	19¼	19⅜	19⅛	—
Kansas City South	27 11/16	27	27¼	27⅝	27⅝	—
Do. 3% 1st Mor.	75½	73⅝	73¾	—	—	—
Lehigh Valley	170 9/16	165⅞	164¼	167	164¾	46
Louisville & Nash	160⅛	156½	157¼	157	156½	2
Manhattan Elev.	138⅝	135	134	—	—	—
Minn., St. Paul	143⅝	140½	139¾	—	—	—
Do. Pref.	154⅝	151	151½	—	—	—
Miss., K. & Texas	30¼	29⅞	29¼	29⅞	29⅛	1
Do. Pref.	65⅛	63⅝	63⅜	—	—	—
Do. 2d Mort.	89 1/16	82	82	—	—	—
Missouri Pacific	44⅝	43⅜	44	44⅜	43⅝	5
Nat. Mex. 2d Pref	31⅝	30⅞	30⅞	30⅞	30⅞	—
Do. 1st Pref.	66⅛	64⅛	64⅛	—	—	—
N. Y. Cent. & H.R.	116¾	113¾	113¼	113¾	113⅜	2
N.Y. Ontario & W.	38⅝	37⅞	37⅜	38⅜	37¾	1
Norf. & Western	112⅝	109⅝	109⅞	110⅛	109⅞	4
Do. Consolidated	101	98⅛	98⅛	—	—	—
Northern Pacific	125 1/16	122	122⅛	122⅜	121⅞	5
Pennsylvania	127⅜	124⅝	124⅜	125	124⅝	6
Reading	162 1/16	158⅛	158⅜	159⅛	157⅞	137
Do. Seconds	98 11/16	96⅛	95⅞	97	95⅞	—
Do. 1st Pref.	90⅞	89¾	89⅞	—	—	—
Do. Fours	100⅛	98⅛	98⅜	—	—	—
Rock Island Com.	27⅛	26⅛	27⅛	27	26¼	9
St Louis & S.F. 2d Pf	42⅝	41⅜	41⅛	42	41⅜	—
St Louis S. West.	33⅝	32¾	32⅛	33	33	—
Southern Railway	30½	29⅞	30	30⅛	29⅞	5
Do. Pref.	77¼	75⅞	75¼	75⅞	75⅞	1
Do. 1st 5%	110 1/16	108	108	—	—	—
Southern Pacific	114⅝	111¼	112⅛	112¼	111½	9
Texas and Pacific	23⅝	22⅞	23¼	23⅛	23⅛	—
Union Pacific	173⅝	169⅞	169⅞	170⅛	168⅞	45
Do. Pref.	93 1/16	91	91¼	—	—	—
Do. Conv. New	105⅝	103	103	—	—	—
Wabash	6⅛	6⅞	6¾	7	7	—
Do. Pref.	18⅜	18⅛	18¼	18	18	—
Do. 1st Refund	58⅝	57⅞	57	—	—	—
Amal. Copper	78 13/16	76⅞	76⅜	77⅜	76⅛	68
Amer. Cotton Oil	51⅝	50	50	—	—	—
Am. Smelt. & Ref.	82⅝	80⅛	79⅞	80⅛	79⅞	33
Do. Pref.	109⅝	106⅛	105⅞	—	—	—
Am Sugar Refn.	130⅝	127⅛	125	127½	125	7
Amer. Telephone	151⅝	147⅝	148¼	148⅞	147⅞	—
Am. Tobacco 4%	97⅝	95¼	95⅜	—	—	—
Anaconda Mining	41⅞	40⅞	40⅞	40⅞	40⅞	5
Cons. Gas of N.Y.	143⅜	141	141¼	141⅜	141	—
General Electric	170⅝	166	165	167	166	—
Inter Harvester	117	114¼	115	115¼	115	—
Internat. Marine	4⅞	4¾	4¾	5	5	—
Do. Pref.	22⅜	21⅞	22⅞	22⅜	21⅞	—
Do. 4½% Bonds	69⅛	67⅞	67¾	—	—	—
National Lead	57 13/16	56⅞	55⅞	—	—	—
Pacific Mail	32 15/16	32	32¼	—	—	—
People's Gas	109 13/16	107⅛	107⅛	107⅝	107⅞	—
U.S. Steel Corp.	69⅝	67¼	67⅛	68⅞	67⅛	115
Do. Pref.	115⅛	112⅞	112⅛	113¼	112⅞	1
Do. 5% Sinking	105⅛	102⅞	103	—	—	—
Utah Copper	59 13/16	58⅞	58⅞	59⅜	58⅛	—
West. Union Tel.	85 9/16	83⅞	83⅞	—	—	—

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AMERICAN PRODUCE MARKETS.

New York, March 21.

WHEAT opened firm at an advance of ⅜c. for the May option, on bullish foreign cables and a less favourable coal strike situation in Europe. The rise was assisted by covering, owing to decreasing stocks in the North-West. On the rise, however, offerings increased, the disposition to sell being due partly to the favourable weather outlook, a bearish Cincinnati *Price Current* report, and the absence of seaboard clearances. After falling nearly 1c. from the best the market rallied, on a better export demand, dullish Buenos Ayres cables, and better later Chicago advices, the close being steady, ⅜c. higher to unchanged. May ranged from 107⅛c. to 106⅜c. Sales, 250,000 bushels. Export business covered nineteen boatloads. No. 1 Northern Duluth advanced ⅛c., to 118⅜c. On the kerb business was done at ⅛c. over the official close.

	Cash	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Jne.	July.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.
To-day	107¼	—	—	107¼	—	104¼	—	—	—
Previous	106¾	—	—	106¾	—	104¼	—	—	—

MAIZE unquoted. Exporters took ten boatloads.

	Cash.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Jne.	July.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.
To-day	74¾	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Previous	74¾	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

OATS unquoted.

Following are cash quotations:—Oats; Canadian, mixed, 60c.; rye, No. 2 Western, nominal; barley, No. 4 Canadian, nominal.

FLOUR steady and in moderate request.

	To-day.	Prev.
New York—Spring wheat "clears"	4.30	4.30
" Winter wheat "patents"	5.00	5.00
Minneapolis—Spring wheat "patents"	4.40	4.40
" Spring wheat "clears," No. 1	3.70	3.73

DAILY MOVEMENTS—GRAIN (Thousands.)

	To-day.	Same day last year.	This week.	This season.	Last season.
Wheat (bushels)—					
Receipts, Western	405	300	1,705	194,435	169,893
Receipts, Atlantic	186	117	618	65,928	29,975
Exports, Atlantic	—	52	280	49,896	18,864
Maize (bushels)—					
Receipts, Western	475	773	2,912	150,544	146,469
Receipts, Atlantic	119	79	374	35,247	47,271
Exports, Atlantic	77	276	215	24,156	29,948
Flour (barrels)—					
Receipts, Western	93	79	382	22,597	23,018
Receipts, Atlantic	63	56	239	11,795	12,013
Exports, Atlantic	8	19	34	4,394	4,772

LARD firm, with quotations advanced 10c. Wilcox, prompt, 10.00c.; Western steam, 9.65c.

COFFEE.—The market opened easy and 17 to 13 points lower, under realising pressure and weak advices from the Continental markets. Part of the loss was recovered afterwards on covering purchases and support from roasters, but bulls continued to realise freely, and the close, though steady, showed a loss for the day of 20 to 11 points. Sales, 101,000 bags. Cash coffee quiet and unchanged, at 14⅜c.

	Cash.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Jne.	Jly.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.
To-day	14⅜	13.35	13.37	13.44	13.49	13.52	13.66	13.70	13.67
Previous	14⅜	13.52	13.57	13.63	13.68	13.73	13.77	13.83	13.80

COTTON on the spot closed quiet at 10 points decline. Futures opened steady, with quotations 3 points lower to unchanged, on poor Liverpool cables, and continued to decline under realising pressure, owing to pessimistic coal strike news from England, reports of beneficial rains in Texas, and favourable South-Western weather forecasts. Scale-down covering and unfavourable weather predictions from the Eastern belt checked the downward movement temporarily, but further realising and Southern selling led to further recessions later. In the late trade overnight covering and Wall Street interests buying caused a final rally, and the market closed steady at 8 to 11 points net loss.

Spot Cotton—To-day, 10.55c. Previous, 10.65c.

Futures—	Mar.	Apl.	May.	Jne.	Jly.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
To-day	10.32	10.29	10.36	10.43	10.49	10.48	10.46	10.53	10.55	10.59
Previous	10.40	10.37	10.46	10.52	10.58	10.57	10.57	10.63	10.64	10.68

	To-day.	Week.	Season.	Last season.
Receipts at ports (bales)	22,000	128,000	10,593,000	7,850,000
Exports—Great Britain	17,000	69,000	3,587,000	3,017,000
Exports—Continent	43,000	87,000	4,716,000	3,378,000

SUGAR.—Raws are weak, with quotations further reduced 6 points. The day's business includes 18,000 bags of Cuban centrifugal at 4.42c., basis 96 per cent.

	To-day.
Raw centrifugal	4.42c.
Muscovado	3.92c.
Refined granulated	5.50c.

TALLOW dull at late rates

	To-day.
Special in tierces	6⅝c.
Do. hogsheads	6⅛c.

METALS.—Copper firm at 12½ points rise; standard, spot, 14.50c. to 14.75c. Lead steady at 7½ to 5 points decline, to 4.20c. to 4.30c. per lb. Tin steady, with spot unchanged to 5 points up, and March 15 points higher; Straits, spot, 43.00c. to 42.15c.; March, 42.00c. to 42.12½c. Pig-iron quiet at recent prices; No. 2 Northern in the open market, in any position, 14.50 to 15.00 dols. Steel rails, 1.25c.

FREIGHTS are unaltered.

	To-day.	Previous.
Grain to Liverpool—steam	3½d.	3½d.
Grain to Manchester	3½d.	3½d.
Grain to Glasgow	3¾d.	3¾d.
Grain to Bristol	4¼d.	4¼d.
Grain to London—steam	3½d.	3½d.
Grain to Hull	4d.	4d.
Cotton to Liverpool	40c.	40c.

PETROLEUM.—Refined steady, unchanged.

	To-day.
S.W., New York, barrels	$8.20c.
Do. cases	$10.10c.
Do. bulk	$4.60c.
Philadelphia, barrels	$8.20c.

NAPHTHA.—New York, auto. 15½c.

TURPENTINE steady and unchanged at 33½c.

Savannah, March 21.

TURPENTINE easy at 49½c.

ROSIN—Grade F, 7.05 dols.

St Louis, March 21.

WHEAT steady, unchanged to ⅛c. down. May, 100⅝c.; July, 95⅞c.

Duluth, March 21.

WHEAT steady and unchanged. May, 106⅜c.; July, 107⅝c.

Toledo, March 21.

WHEAT steady at ⅛c. rise. May, 101⅝c.

San Francisco, March 21.

WHEAT firm and unchanged. Cash, 1.57½ dol.

Minneapolis, March 21.

WHEAT steady, ⅛c. lower. May, 106⅛c.

Winnipeg, March 21.

WHEAT ⅜c. higher. May, 101⅜c.; July, 103⅛c.

OATS are ⅛c. lower. May, 54⅜c.

Wheat car lot receipts:—

	To-day.	Yesterday.
No. 1 Hard	0	0
No. 1 Northern	5	8
No. 2 Northern	33	18
No. 3 Northern	51	62
Other grades	179	231
Total	268	319

Chicago, March 21.

The Cincinnati *Price Current*, in its weekly crop report, states that the agricultural situation shows little improvement. The position of the wheat crop is essentially unchanged, and possibilities under good weather conditions favour an average outcome. Spring operations are backward.

WHEAT.—Bullish cables from Liverpool and the unfavourable European coal strike situation made sellers very reserved at the opening, and with covering induced by those influences, as well as by reports of decreasing stocks in the North-West and rumours of export buying for Antwerp, initial prices were ⅛c. to ⅜c. higher. The publication of the Cincinnati *Price Current's* weekly crop report, and predictions for large Argentine shipments, however, led to active realising, which, in the absence of support, caused a reaction to below yesterday's closing rates; but the fall was checked by the strength of the Buenos Ayres options and a good cash demand at Minneapolis, and with covering induced by reports of winter killing in the South-West, the market closed steady, ⅛c. higher to unchanged. May fluctuated between 102⅛c. and 101⅝c., and July between 98⅞c. and 98⅛c.

	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Jne.	July.	Aug.	Sep.
This day	—	—	101⅝	—	98⅛	—	96⅛
Previous	—	—	101⅝	—	98⅛	—	96⅛

MAIZE opened steady on covering and smaller interior receipts, but eased off afterwards under liquidation, owing to improving weather and a disappointing cash demand. The fall was checked later by bull support and the rally in wheat, the market closing steady, but ⅛c. to ¼c. lower.

	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Jne.	July.	Aug.	Sep.
This day	—	—	71¼	—	71⅞	—	71⅛
Previous	—	—	71⅜	—	72	—	72

OATS easy, ⅛c. to ⅝c. lower. May, 52⅝c.; July, 49⅝c.; September, 41⅛c.

RYE steady and ½c. higher. Cash, 91½c.

LARD opened firm at 5 points advance for May, under the influence of the hog markets, but after a further improvement a sharp reaction occurred under realisations and in sympathy with the decline in maize, the market closing easy, and 5 points lower.

	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Sep.	Oct.
This day	—	—	9.55	—	9.75	9.95	—
Previous	—	—	9.60	—	9.80	10.00	—

RIBS advanced after the opening in sympathy with the hog markets, but on the rise there was more disposition to sell, and the market closed easy at a fall of 5 to 7½ points.

	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Sep.	Oct.
This day	—	—	9.25	—	9.35	9.55	—
Previous	—	—	9.30	—	9.42½	9.62½	—

PORK opened firm and 5c. points higher for May, the sharp advance in hog prices and the small hog receipts stimulating covering purchases. After a further rise, however, packers selling and the decline in maize caused a reaction, the market closing easy and 12½ points to 10 points lower.

	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Sep.	Oct.
This day	—	—	16.37½	—	16.72½	17.00	—
Previous	—	—	16.50	—	16.85	17.10	—

BACON firm at yesterday's advance. Hogs 40 to 45 points higher. Receipts at sixteen principal Western centres, including Chicago, since March 1st total 1,660,000, against 1,523,000 last year. To-morrow's receipts are estimated at 17,000.

	Short Clear Sides.	Boxed. Light.	Heavy.	Hog Receipts. West.	Chicago.
This day	9.00-9.25	7.25-7.60	7.30-7.70	60,000	14,000
Previous	8.75-9.00	6.85-7.20	6.90-7.35	92,000	26,000
Cor. day, 1911	9.12½-9.25	6.80-7.15	6.45-6.90	97,000	26,000

ARGENTINE GRAIN OPTIONS.

[FROM OUR COMMERCIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

(Prices in Pesos currency per 100 kilos, delivery Buenos Ayres.)

(Peso = about 1s 9½d.)

BUENOS AYRES, March 21.

WHEAT.—The market opened with a firm tone and a scarcity of sellers of the March option, which at the first call established a further advance of 10c., the forward option remaining unchanged. No particular alteration was made later, and at the close the market was steady, with March 10c. higher and May unchanged.

MAIZE ruled steady and without alteration throughout the day.

OATS opened unchanged, but closed 5c. higher.

LINSEED opened steady, with first call quotations unchanged to 5c. lower. Business was small throughout, and the market closed quiet, but unchanged on balance.

	To-day.	Previous close.
Wheat, per March delivery	9.30	9.20
Do., per May delivery	8.45	8.45
Maize, per June delivery	4.95	4.95
Oats, per April delivery	5.90	5.85
Linseed, per April delivery	15.90	15.90
Do., per May delivery	16.15	16.15

ROSARIO, March 21.

WHEAT ruled steady and without change from the opening to the close.

MAIZE was also steady and unaltered.

LINSEED, though quiet, maintained the previous quotation throughout.

	To-day.	Previous close.
Wheat, per March delivery	8.20	8.20
Maize, per June delivery	4.80	4.80
Linseed, per April delivery	15.35	15.35

NOTE.—A difference of 10 cents is equal to about 4½d. per qr. of 480 lb. on wheat and maize; 3d. per qr. of 304 lb. on oats; and 4d. per qr. of 416 lb. on linseed.

NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF GREAT BRITAIN.—The net premium income from all departments for the year ended 31st December, after deducting re-insurances, amounts to £64,990, 6s. 4d., and the interest on investments to £5856, 8s. 6d., the total income from all sources being £70,863, 14s. 4d., as against £68,529, 4s. 9d. for the preceding year. The claims paid and outstanding amount to £26,986, 19s. 1d., being 41.5 per cent. of the premium income, as compared with 37.5 per cent. for the previous year. The accounts, after carrying forward the balance from last year, show a balance at the credit of the profit and loss account of £24,464, 7s. 5d., and the directors recommend a dividend of 15 per cent., free of Income-tax, transferring to general reserve fund (this fund will now be £80,000) £10,000, carrying forward to next year £6954, 7s. 5d.

ALLEGED BUCKET SHOP FRAUDS.—At Birmingham Assizes yesterday, the trial was opened of Albert Rula Hord, stock and share dealer, his son Stanley, giving a New York address, and Joseph John Lavesay, of Herne Hill, London, on a charge of obtaining sums of money by bucket shop frauds. The prosecutor's contention was that though a proportion of the £57,000 received was paid back in dividends, when that became inconvenient clients were invited to invest in another scheme, offering 50 per cent. within a few weeks. Witnesses were called late in the afternoon who admitted receiving various sums in dividends on capital invested, and the case was adjourned until to-day.

SENSATIONAL OCCURRENCE AT A FUNERAL.—A Reuter Paris telegram of yesterday's date says:—A funeral was proceeding at Seix, in the department of Ariège, when knocks were heard coming from the interior of the coffin. The lid was immediately torn open. The man was found to be dead, but the body was still warm. All efforts at resuscitation were unavailing.

WORRIED BY THE COAL STRIKE.—The Hull Coroner held an inquest last night on Robert Wise, an ex-City Councillor and coal merchant, who was found hanging in a garden adjoining his home. The deceased's son said his father had been ill, and, although not in financial difficulties the coal strike worried him. A verdict of suicide while of unsound mind was returned.

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See "Weekly Scotsman" of 23rd March.

HOCKEY.

LORETTO v. BERWICK.—A fast game was played at Newfield, Musselburgh, yesterday afternoon between Loretto and a Berwick side strengthened by the inclusion of Carlton and Edinburgh University players. Though, as usual, the school was splendidly served at half-back and back, G. Hedderwick and A. F. Simpson being specially clever, their forwards lacked understanding with each other, and were rather disappointing in the goal circle. The defence of the visitors was very good. In the first half, J. A. Herriott scored twice for the visitors, with a goal by Dr N. L. Stevenson coming in between. This was all the scoring before the interval. Loretto made a hot attack during the greater part of the second half, but were always beaten off. F. C. Davidson scored. Result:—Berwick, four goals; Loretto, nothing.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

ARBROATH MINIATURE RIFLE CLUB v. MONTROSE.—Match under the auspices of the Forfarshire League. Result:—Montrose, 772; Arbroath, 765. This is Arbroath's first defeat in the Forfarshire League.

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